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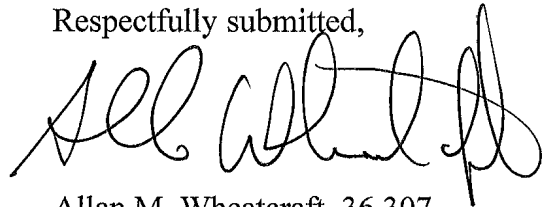
COMMUNICATION

Dear Sir:

Applicants request that the enclosed reference(s) be placed in the patent file. Applicants recently received the enclosed European Search Report dated 16 April 2012.

THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL OTHER FEES DUE UNDER §1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.

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